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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

**SUBJECT: Meeting with John Blandford re Support Provided to
North Vietnam by Soviets and Communist Chinese**

Met with John R. Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who advised that the Chairman is concerned about Soviet and Chinese support of the North Vietnamese and Soviet attitude toward the Paris Peace Talks. He requested for the Chairman Agency estimate of Soviet assistance or support (for U.S. position) that can be expected at this time with regard to the Paris Peace Talks and American attempts toward negotiation settlement. He also requested verification of the level of support being provided by the Soviets and Communist Chinese which has been reported to the Committee as \$1.8 billion by the Soviets and \$200 million by the Communist Chinese.

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